

Microsystems Technology Office Overview: Background Info for PM Candidates



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What Makes a DARPA PM



- Idea Generator
- Technical Expert
- Entrepreneur
- Passion for Drive Leading Edge Technology
- National Service

~*~DARPA Hires Program Managers for their Program Ideas ~*~

... if you have interest, formulate your program ideas along the lines of the following charts and contact the Office Director at: john.zolper@darpa.mil

The Following Slides are a template for you briefing to MTO
These will be a helpful guideline for the construction of your presentation

Program Name



Name

Contact info



Resume (1 chart)



- **Who are you?**
- **What is your technical background?**
- **What key work have you done in the field?**
- **Recognition within the technical community**
- **Key awards**



The Idea (1 chart)



- **What are you trying to accomplish?**
- **A diagram of what you plan on doing.**
- **Develop a performance trade space (e.g. power versus speed; MOPS/cm² versus watts) and show current SOA and where your program will take it**



Technical Approach



- **How do you plan to accomplish the new capability**
- **What new results suggest this is possible**
- **Analysis of required performance**



Technical Challenges



- Breakdown the end product into key technical challenges that need to be overcome
- Quantify current performance and the final performance required to meet the complete program goals
- Include visuals or graphics where possible



Impact



- If this is successful, what difference will it make
- How will this new technology impact system performance (quantify this)
- Who in the DoD will care?
- Are there commercial applications?



Program Plan and Metrics



- **Estimate how long it will take**
- **Break the overall program into phases with key performance metrics at the end of each phase**



Review:

A good program plan should answer the questions below



Heilmeier's Catechism

PRIMARY

- **What are you trying to accomplish?**
- **How is it done now, and with what limitations?**
- **What is truly new in your approach which will remove current limitations and improve performance? How much will performance improve?**
- **If successful, what difference will it make?**
- **What are the mid-term, final exams or full scale applications required to prove your hypothesis? When will they be done?**

SECONDARY

- **How could this transition to the end user? (usually DoD)**
- **How much will it cost?**